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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007**

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 7, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for this fee, and for any other fees, including additional extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.